

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19152

This legislation revises the existing Idaho Environmental Protection and Health Act definition of Public Water Supply. The definition will be modified to align the statutes with the DEQ Rules For Public Drinking Water Systems and the US EPA Safe Drinking Water Act definition of Public Drinking Water System. This change in definition will eliminate confusion as to how many connections are needed to be classified as a public drinking water system. Currently the definition of Public Water Supply uses 10 connections as a basis for determining if the water supply is a public water supply. The Idaho Rules For Public Drinking Water Systems defines public drinking water systems using 15 connections.

This change in Idaho Code would resolve long standing confusion over the classification of private water systems with 10 to 14 connections and less than 25 people served water.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact

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